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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims below will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-18.(Canceled)

19.(Currently amended) An armboard apparatus for supporting a patient's arm relative to a patient support device, the armboard apparatus comprising:
a mount adapted to be coupled to the patient support device,
a rod assembly including an elongated rod coupled to a lockable swivel joint, the lockable swivel joint being coupled to the mount and configured to permit movement of the elongated rod relative to the mount about a plurality of intersecting axes,
an armboard configured to support the patient's arm, and
a support assembly coupled to the armboard and coupled to the elongated rod, the support assembly including a lockable swivel joint configured to permit movement of the armboard relative to the elongated rod about a plurality of axes,
wherein the mount includes a block adapted to be coupled to the patient support device, a post coupled to the block for vertical movement and a handle movable relative to the block to lock the post from moving vertically.

20.(Currently amended) An armboard apparatus for supporting a patient's arm relative to a patient support device, the armboard apparatus comprising:

a mount adapted to be coupled to the patient support device,
a rod assembly including an elongated rod coupled to a lockable swivel joint, the lockable swivel joint being coupled to the mount and configured to permit movement of the elongated rod relative to the mount about a plurality of intersecting axes,
an armboard configured to support the patient's arm, and
a support assembly coupled to the armboard and coupled to the elongated rod, the support assembly including a lockable swivel joint configured to permit movement of the armboard relative to the elongated rod about a plurality of axes,
wherein the elongated rod includes a first end coupled to the first-recited swivel joint and a second end spaced from the first end, wherein the rod assembly includes a handle positioned adjacent the second end, and wherein the handle is coupled to the first-recited swivel

joint and movable between a first position in which the first-recited swivel joint is locked and a second position in which is the first-recited swivel joint is unlocked.

21.(Previously Presented) The armboard apparatus of claim 20, wherein the first-recited swivel joint is unlockable to permit simultaneous movement of the elongated rod about the first-recited plurality of axes, and the first-recited swivel joint is lockable to prevent the elongated rod from moving about the first-recited plurality of axes.

22.(Currently amended) An armboard apparatus for supporting a patient's arm relative to a patient support device, the armboard apparatus comprising:

a mount adapted to be coupled to the patient support device,

a rod assembly including an elongated rod coupled to a lockable swivel joint, the lockable swivel joint being coupled to the mount and configured to permit movement of the elongated rod relative to the mount about a plurality of intersecting axes,

an armboard configured to support the patient's arm, and

a support assembly coupled to the armboard and coupled to the elongated rod, the support assembly including a lockable swivel joint configured to permit movement of the armboard relative to the elongated rod about a plurality of axes, wherein the support assembly is movable axially along the elongated rod and lockable in a plurality of positions along the elongated rod.

23.(Previously Presented) The armboard apparatus of claim 22, wherein the second-recited swivel joint is a ball joint, and wherein the support assembly includes a support coupling the ball joint to the armboard.

24.(Previously Presented) The armboard apparatus of claim 22, wherein the armboard is made from a radiolucent material.

25.(Currently amended) An armboard apparatus for supporting a patient's arm relative to a patient support device, the armboard apparatus comprising

a mount adapted to be coupled to the patient support device,

an elongated rod coupled to the mount by a swivel joint to permit movement of the elongated rod relative to the mount about a plurality of intersecting axes, and

an armboard configured to support the patient's arm, the armboard being coupled to the elongated rod by a ball joint,

wherein the mount includes a block adapted to be coupled to the patient support device, a post coupled to the block for vertical movement and a handle movable relative to the block to lock the post from moving vertically.

26.(Original) The armboard apparatus of claim 25, wherein the swivel joint is lockable to fix the position of the elongated rod relative to the mount and the ball joint is lockable to fix the position of the armboard relative to the elongated rod.

27.(Currently amended) An armboard apparatus for supporting a patient's arm relative to a patient support device, the armboard apparatus comprising:

a mount adapted to be coupled to the patient support device,

an elongated rod coupled to the mount by a swivel joint to permit movement of the elongated rod relative to the mount about a plurality of intersecting axes,

an armboard configured to support the patient's arm, the armboard being coupled to the elongated rod by a ball joint , and

a handle coupled to the elongated rod and movable to unlock the swivel joint,

wherein the swivel joint is lockable to fix the position of the elongated rod relative to the mount and the ball joint is lockable to fix the position of the armboard relative to the elongated rod.

28.(Original) The armboard apparatus of claim 27, wherein the handle is rotated relative to the elongated rod to unlock the swivel joint.

29.(Original) The armboard apparatus of claim 27, wherein the elongated rod defines an axis and the handle is rotated about the axis to unlock the swivel joint.

30.(Canceled)